

Dear Jimmy,

11/7/86

Hasty response to your 11/1 in the few minutes before leaving to get an appeals court brief stapled and a medical appointment.

You ask about the number in the second sentence of the FBI London teletype. That it ~~shows~~ the FBI file number for the HSCA. The London number, about which you did not ask, pretty clearly is a reference to that office's file on you and you may want to ask for it. The 88 classification is for unauthorized flight, in your case UFAC, or unauthorized flight to avoid ^{confinement} ~~prosecution~~. If I think of it after I come ~~back~~ back and have time I'll enclose a list of their file classifications as of about 7-8 years ago. If you ask for the London file, and get it, make a list of the documents and send it to me. When I get the copies they should send me, I can then compare them. Part of this Hist record is familiar and part seems not to be, but I could be wrong. I'll wait until your family's gift to Georgia politics can do the xeroxing before I compare this release. If you are not familiar with it, the abbreviation "HSY" means New Scotland Yard. They added the word when they got a new hq building.

I've not missed hearing from Jerry, but he had a New York City admirer? Do you really mean admirer? Which sex?

I'm sure Foreman had pull but I'm also inclined to believe that he'd done favors that earned him dismissal of that open-and-shut case. Case just like yours in Conn., framed man named Millar, with drugs from Canada, old car, etc., for one. By the time a decent lawyer took over Millar was ruined, although free.

I don't know if you want to sue Hude and I'm not a lawyer. But how about fraud? He contracted to provide your defense and you have the grand jury transcript we put into the record at the evidentiary hearing where he swore that he believed you guilty from the first and considered that he had bought your ~~wife's~~ confession.

I'm pretty sure you can't sue HSCA or Stokes except for something not at the hearing or in the Congress because Congress arranged that they all have total immunity for anything that can be considered official business. So, they can get up on the floor and libel and defame and they can't be touched. Remember John's hearing, when Stokes was badmouthing Jim? Jim dared him to go outside the hearing room and repeat what he'd said. Stokes didn't dare and he gave up the chair. I don't know about suing for the sequestered records, but I'm sure that the House Leadership would oppose that. They won't do you any good in any event because they never conducted any investigation anyway. Don't you remember that I warned you in advance?

I don't think there is any connection between the dismissal of the case against Foreman the his HSCA testimony. We had a fight with HSCA, mostly Jim, when they wanted your release so they could call Foreman. Did you ever give such a release? Mark Lane was ^{in on} on Sprague and pushed him for HSCA counsel but in fact getting that release was Sprague's idea and he turned it over to a young prosecutor type names something like Ozer. He wore his read hair in an Afro then.. He and I did not get along but I think the real fight against it was by Jim, who refused. During my first meeting with Sprague I warned him about the course on which he was set and told him that among other things he'd get his throat cut. The guy who succeeded him, before Blakey, was there and he called me up after Sprague got it, remembering that I'd called that shot. Forgot his name. From Florida, I think Ken something. They were almost all finks and those who remained with Blakey or he got more so. You muffed that one badly, Jimmy, confusing hope for reality. In more ways than one. Think about the record you send and ask how come it wasn't demanded before the session was over, for example. The whole thing hurt you badly....When you were at Brushy, you sent me a cute Hallowe'en card, vampires, saying "We need new blood in the organization. You should have been a doctor because that's pretty close to what mine just told me.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg